



THE HON ANGUS TAYLOR MP MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

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STATEMENT

The last 24 hours has seen outrageous accusations made against me by the Labor Party.

On 9 September, my office, in preparing a reply to a letter from the City of Sydney Lord Mayor, accessed a report on the City of Sydney website.

The details in that report were the basis of my letter to the Lord Mayor.

What is clear now, is that the numbers in that document were not correct.

I reject absolutely the suggestion that I, or any members of my staff, altered the document in question; however, I will be writing to the Lord Mayor to offer my apologies for not clarifying those numbers with the City of Sydney before writing to her.

There is clear evidence on the City of Sydney's own website, that there are different versions of the same report online right now. And I am providing this evidence along with this statement.

Clearly, given the document and its various drafts and versions, are on the servers of the City of Sydney, only they can prove which documents have existed, and may still currently exist.

But the Labor Party has, in typical fashion, dramatically overreached by claiming the documents were forged or altered. There is absolutely no basis for these assertions.

The Labor Party has a track record of using police referrals as a political tool. And the Shadow Attorney-General has obviously done so in this instance without even a casual regard for the facts.

The fact he has leaped to assume the document is a forgery, rather than an alternative version from the City of Sydney's website, shows this to be another opportunistic and political smear from a desperate and irresponsible party.

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